

HOUSE No. 2190

By Mr. Smola of Palmer, petition of Todd M. Smola, Jr. and Reed V. Hillman relative to the issuance or renewal of identification cards to certain nonimmigrant aliens by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8E of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting in line 5, after the word “require.”, the following new
4 sentence:—

5 Such cards shall be valid for five years except that the registrar
6 may issue or renew an identification card issued to a nonimmi-
7 grant alien who is legally present in the United States, upon such
8 terms and conditions as the registrar may prescribe, an identifica-
9 tion card set to expire on the date the nonimmigrant alien is
10 required to depart the United States under the terms of the nonim-
11 migrant alien’s visa or under the terms of a document issued by
12 the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.

1 SECTION 2. Said section 8E of chapter 90 of the General
2 Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting in line 8,
3 after the word “require.”, the following new sentences:—

4 All applicants for an identification card shall, for the purposes
5 of establishing proper identity, provide a social security number,
6 the validity of which the registrar may confirm with the U.S.
7 Social Security Administration. The registrar shall not issue or
8 renew an identification card to any person who does not submit
9 satisfactory proof of United States citizenship or proof that the
10 applicant’s presence in the United States is authorized under fed-

11 eral law. The registrar shall adopt regulations to carry out the pur-
12 poses of this section, including procedures for verifying that the
13 applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under fed-
14 eral law.